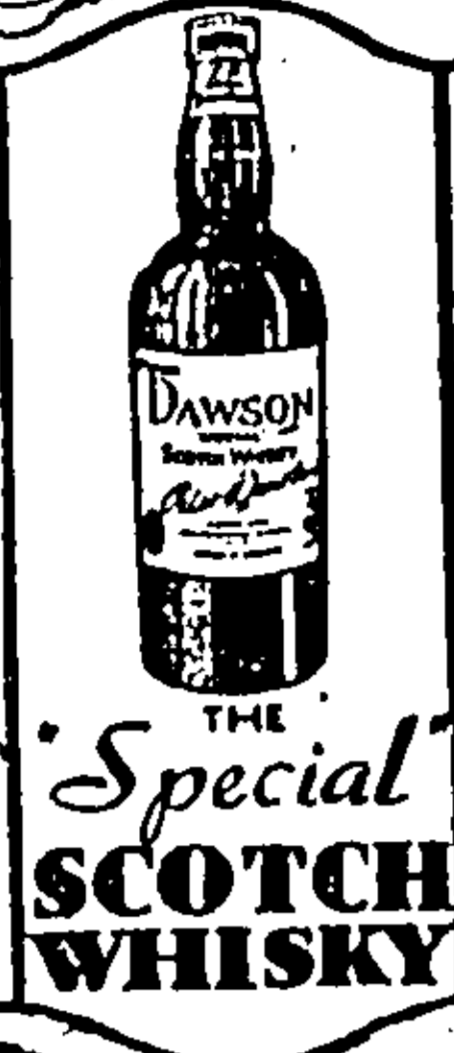




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HE LOVED NOT WISELY OR WELL

"Age has nothing to do with love affairs," Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Puisne Judge) yesterday told Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who pleaded for leniency on behalf of ex-policeman Lau Fuk, convicted of assaulting and causing bodily harm to his lover.

Mr. Russ said the accused was young (30) and madly in love. Lau was sentenced to nine months hard labour.

On the first charge of attempting to kill his sweetheart by strangulation, the jury found the defendant "not guilty."

Called in evidence by Crown Prosecutor (Mr. E. J. Sainsbury), Mrs. Tsang Ching, 22, stated that she first met the accused in 1944 when he was attached to the Shamshuipo Police Station.

"Had No Money"
Later, she was forced to have intimate relations with him as she "had no money" during the Occupation.

On the re-occupation of Hong Kong she broke off with him but was later forced to return to him as he threatened to cripple or even kill her.

She broke away from him again in 1946 and did not see him again until July 29 this year when she met him at Nathan Road, Yumail.

"To avoid making a scene on the street," she promised that she would have a talk with him the next morning at his apartment on the third floor of 145 Lai Kok Road.

At 11.00 a.m. on July 30, witness said, she left her house to keep the appointment.

Before leaving, she told her grandmother to call at the Lai Kok Road address if she did not return by noon.

On arrival at the defendant's house, she found him in his cubicle, lying on his bed.

"Very Snobbish"
"You are very snobbish," he said.

Lau then got up, grabbed a piece of rope, pushed her on the bed and started to strangle her, saying: "You must die today."

She screamed "Save life!" A woman came in the room and pulled the accused away, Mrs. Tsang said. Lau ran out of the cubicle.

While she was recovering from the attack, she heard a knock at the street door and the voice of her grandmother calling out to her.

The knocking continued for fifteen minutes and then her grandmother entered with a party of police officers.

After telling the police "he tried to kill me," Lau was arrested, she said.

No Statement
The accused made no statement.

Personalia

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel include W. C. Farnham, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Kaufmann, L. M. Dickson, Chas. S. Kichler, R. J. Young, O. T. Bamforth, Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore and Paul Schone.

Peninsula departures include Dr. A. R. Knipp, Dr. Forsyth R. Powell, Prof. J. A. Lauwerys, H. E. Nicholls and Mrs. D. McConnell.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Earl Gerhart Baumgardner to Miss Minnie Harris Golding.

Gustave L. Renston and Charles Navarro Jr. arrived by P.A.L. plane from Manila.

Major Coburn and Capt. Whitfield were passengers by C.P.L. plane for Manila.

At the Helena May Institute yesterday afternoon, a large number of women residents and guests were assembled to greet Lady Grantham, who had accepted the Patronage of the club. Lady Grantham stayed for tea at the Institute and was afterwards shown over the building which houses 38 residents.

The Secretary, Miss Matheson, President Mrs. M. Annett and Vice-President, Mrs. Cassidy, escorted Lady Grantham on her tour, which included inspection of the library which now has over 800 new books.

BULLET GRAZED HIS EAR
At about 4 p.m. yesterday, the driver of a tri-cycle, Chan Tin, 21, had a narrow escape when his car was grazed by a bullet from the gun of Li Kwok, 32, private watchman of the District Co. Ltd.

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Price-Controlled Suits For Local Market?

This winter there will be price-controlled suits in the local market—this is, of course, if plans now in preparation succeed. The "China Mail" learned yesterday that the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industry is considering an arrangement whereby winter suits would be placed in the market at prices fixed by the Department.

The Police Must Be Helped By The Public

In a talk on "Police and the Public" at yesterday's weekly meeting of the Y's Men's Club, in the Jacobson Room of the Hong Kong Hotel, Mr. D. W. Macintosh, Commissioner of Police, said that it might not be realised that the foundations of everything done in Hong Kong were based on the foundations of law and order.

Mr. Macintosh emphasised that he was accessible at all times to any member of the public who wished to register any complaint concerning matters within his province.

Those too busy to call personally, could always address him at Post Office Box 590.

Mr. Macintosh added that the efficient maintenance of law and order was the first essential of good government.

A contented Police Force was the best means of ensuring law and order.

It seemed to be a mistaken impression in Hong Kong, as

Letters From Readers

T.B. Campaign

Sir,—As Chairman of the Hong Kong Anti-tuberculosis Association I wish to request you to be good enough to give publicity to the correction of certain inaccurate statements and wrong impressions conveyed in an article entitled "Tuberculosis in Hong Kong" published in your issue of the 24th September.

There was a statement in your article that patients who came to Dr. T.P. Wu were "representative of two Chinese classes—the middle-class patients who come to consult him privately, and workers who attend the Anti-tuberculosis clinic at Wanchai, which is run and maintained by the Anti-tuberculosis Association of Hong Kong."

The facts are as follows: The Wanchai clinic is a Government Clinic, organised, financed and staffed by Government officers and Dr. T.P. Wu and the Anti-tuberculosis Association have no connection with it in any way.

It was further stated that in connection with the old Naval Hospital in Wanchai "The Anti-tuberculosis Association is trying to obtain the Naval Hospital in Wanchai for a Tuberculosis Sanatorium. It is unused now, but the Government when approached about letting it or giving it over to the Association, made financial conditions which at the moment the Association is not able to meet."

The facts are these: this matter is under consideration now by Government who have not laid down any financial conditions but have assured the Association that they would give very serious consideration to the handing over of this hospital to the Association for a tuberculosis hospital if and when it becomes property.

Another incorrect statement was that "the association, through Dr. Wu, is trying to urge the Government to adopt a scheme similar to that now operating in England. There District Nurses go to each house where tuberculosis is reported, and if hospitalisation is not possible give regular treatment when needed and also advise on the best methods, in the circumstances, to counter the risk of infection in the family."

The facts are that the Hon. Dr. Newton, as President of the Association, suggested that the Association might perhaps consider recruiting and training health visitors, pending the collection of sufficient funds for running a clinic or hospital. No representations have been made to the Government by the Association on this subject.

The statement that the annual death rate from tuberculosis in Hong Kong is 10,000 is also without foundation. The reported figure for the first 7 months of 1947 was 949 to which possibly a few may be added to cover mild cases.

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Cowardice?

Sir,—Mr. Mamak's reply to my criticism of a portion of his article is no reply at all and does not disprove my original statement. Whether that portion of the sentence ("no man, unless he is a coward, is afraid of bullets, bombs or shells") is taken by itself or with the rest of the sentence it is still damn silly. I quite realise what the first sentence was intended to convey. I merely mean that a far better and truthful comparison could have been employed.

NINE YEARS SERVICE

Sir,—May I draw Mr. Mamak's attention to the fact that I have never been afraid of any dummel, whether she puts lipstick on properly or not, yet during the war I was frequently very, very afraid of bombs, bullets and shells—not to mention mines. A friend of mine got a "gong" at St. Nazaire—and he subsequently told me he had never been so scared before in his life.

Come off it, Mr. Mamak. Admit you unthinkingly chose an unfortunate comparison!

EX-WAVY NAVY

Filthy Lucre
Sir,—Arriving in Hong Kong for the first time—particularly after two years in post-war England—one is surprised to find the Colony call for instant revision upon landing.

Good buildings, well stocked shops and a smiling community greet one on every side. Food, entertainment and transport of a quantity and quality one can only compare with dim memories of conditions back in 1938, all contribute to the general atmosphere of prosperity.

The first trip on the Ferry, however, gives one an introduction to an unpleasant feature which the average visitor is unlikely to come to look upon as inseparable from post-war conditions in Hong Kong—filthy lucre.

In a community where ten cents represents the most common denomination of currency, and where the only way to recall and replace the filthy notes one receives in exchange for moderately clean dollar bills?

There must be competent printers in the Colony capable of producing the simple one-colour ten cent note now in circulation. If two additional values were issued—a half dollar and a twenty or twenty-five cent note—this would reduce the handling, by restricting the circulation of a vast number of ten cent notes, most of which are patched and filthy beyond description.

One feels it is necessary to decontaminate wallet, pockets and hands after handling some of the notes now in circulation. (not bothering to accept the very greasy specimens) became too expensive after the first few days, and I now collect my change like the older residents.

Surely some remedy can be found for this unpleasant state of affairs, which at best is distasteful, and at its worst may be a dangerous source of infection?

ROCKETS STOLEN?

According to a Chinese report, three modern type rockets were stolen from the Shamshuipo Station yesterday morning. The report states that the rockets were stolen from the station by a group of men who were seen to enter the station at about 10 p.m. and leave at about 11 p.m.

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WHAT GOES ON IN KOWLOON'S SPECIAL G-MEN?

Is the "Kowloon Special Services Detectives' Association" the fragment of some cranks' imagination, or is it an organization formed by former members of the Japanese Special Services Corp?

Or, as very few persons believe, a successor to the notorious "Overseas Youth Movement Organization," the head of which, Tse Kwok-wah, was recently sentenced to death?

Irrespective of what it might be, made its presence known to about 20 shops and persons, including a well-known doctor, in the Yumail district during the past fortnight by mailing them "requests" for "loans" of \$1,000 and \$2,000.

Should the request not be complied with, the letters invariably pointed out, it would be just too bad for the recipient if there should be an explosion on the premises, or the owner met with "an accident."

Payment
In case the receiver should decide accede to the request, instructions were given as to how payment was to be made.

The money was to be enclosed in an envelope and left in the shop named in the letter.

The designated shops are scattered all over Kowloon, from Shamshuipo to Kowloon City.

The technique adopted by the K.S.S.D.A. was to write to the shop named in a demand note asking it to receive a letter on their behalf, if it should be handed in.

When such a letter had been received the shop concerned was to paste a piece of red paper on the wall outside the premises and leave it there until a representative of the Association calls for it.

Several Police officers seen by the "China Mail" were inclined to believe that the letters were the work of a crank, and shook-pocked the suggestion that there might be anything sinister behind them.

No Results
So far, they pointed out, there has not been a single case where the threat was carried out, nor a single instance of anyone calling at any of the "receiving depots" for the money.

It is interesting to recall that the last time a threatening letter made its appearance in Kowloon was about two months ago when, among several shops, the Nam Kwok Hotel of Nathan Road was asked to contribute \$5,000 towards the funds of the "Hong Kong Ex-Military Officers Association."

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London, Sept. 24. Exporting and financial interests in the United States were attacked today by Mr. L. S. Amery, former Dominions Secretary and Secretary for India, when he warned of the danger of near-starvation and mass unemployment in Britain.

Big Moscow Call-Up

MOSCOW, SEPT. 25. THE GOVERNMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THE CALL-UP OF HALF A MILLION TEEN-AGERS FOR TRAINING SCHOOLS TO PREPARE THEM FOR LABOUR RESERVES.

This is the third call-up of youth this year bringing the total of drafted boys and girls to 1.2 million.

Three hundred thousand were called up in March and another 400,000 in July-August.

The present group called up will mostly be enrolled from villages throughout the Soviet Union.

Boys of 13 and 19 will be sent to coal and iron mines and the metal and oil industries, 18-year-old boys to the railway industry and boys of 17 and 18 to building trades. Girls and boys from 16 to 18 will be sent to other industrial schools.

There was no indication what proportion of the half million will be girls.—United Press.

MYRON TAYLOR RETURNS

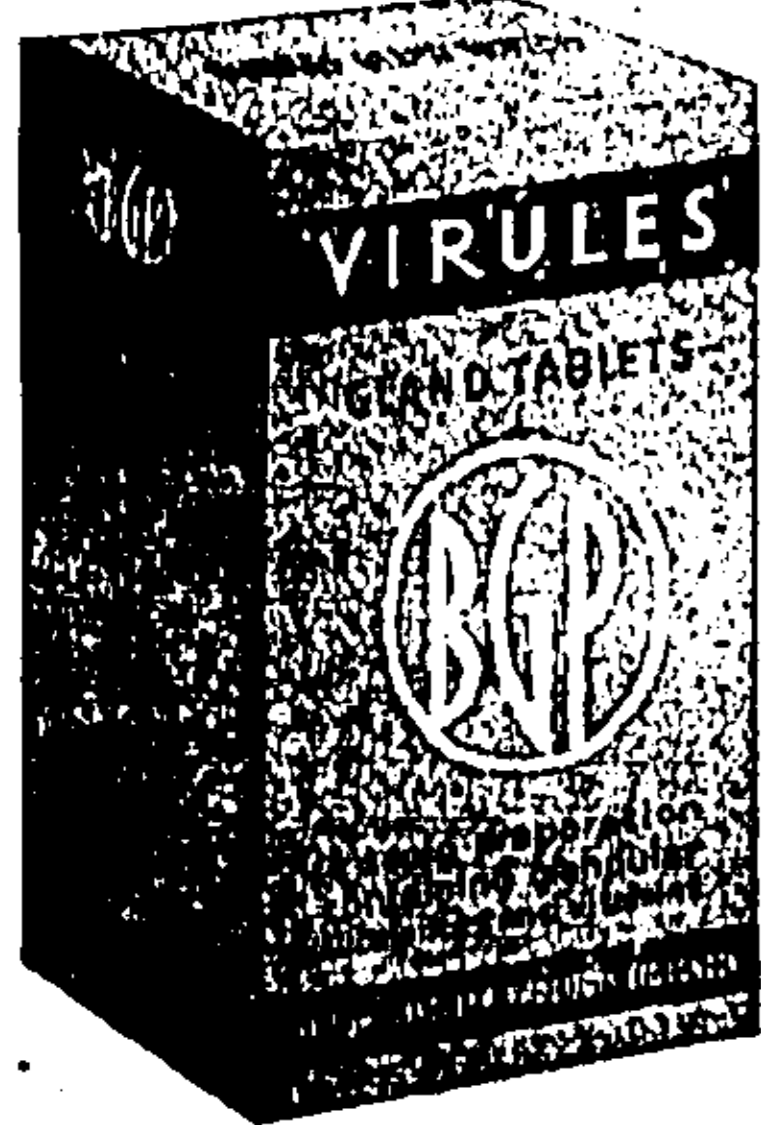
Chicago, Sept. 24. Myron Taylor, President Truman's personal representative to the Vatican, returned today from a five-week stay in Europe.

Mr. Taylor said of the countries he visited, "It is a pretty sad picture politically and economically." He refused to say whether he discussed the Marshall Plan with the Pope. He also declined to comment on the nature of his report to the President.—United Press.

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Tass Didn't Like Mr. McNeil's Speech

Moscow, Sept. 24. Tass, the official Soviet news agency, declared today that Mr. Hector McNeil, the Minister of State, "sounded the funeral dirge of the United Nations" in his speech to the United Nations General Assembly on Monday, when he attacked the Soviet Union's post-war foreign policy.

The speech was a "direct and provocative attack against unity and cooperation between members of the United Nations," Tass said.

Mr. McNeil "justified war propaganda on the ground of freedom of speech."

All Soviet newspapers carried the Tass report today, devoting eight columns altogether to the United Nations debate.

Four of them to the speech by M. Dmitri Manuilsky, Ukrainian Foreign Minister.

This speech, Tass said, expressed the true nature of those who were "trying to achieve the transformation of the United Nations into a pawn of their policy which is directed at the achievement of world domination."—Reuter.

Immediate Danger Not Germany But Soviet Russia

Paris, Sept. 24. M. Paul Anxionnaz, Secretary-General of the French Radical Party, told the Anglo-American Press Association luncheon in Paris today: "The immediate danger is not Germany. The present peril is Russia."

In a stinging condemnation of French foreign policy and military strategy, M. Anxionnaz, who is President of the French National Assembly's Army Commission, said that France had no national defence because her Government had not made up her mind where the present peril lay.

"An effective national defence is based on a clear conception of where the potential aggressor is. At present the French people are not agreed upon this."

"For many Frenchmen, the peril is Germany. I say this is wrong at the present time. It may be true in 10 or 15 years time, but at the moment the peril is Russia."

Liquidation

"Even more than the Russian occupation of France, I fear the seizing of power by the French Communist Party."

"This would mean the liquidation of French intellectual, administrative and executive force" and would reduce France from influence for centuries, he said.

"There is no Government doctrine on national defence," he continued. "If the Government does not decide and announce that we shall fight the Russians if they try to invade us and make preparations accordingly, we shall be helpless."—Reuter.

MISSING PREMIER

Frankfurt, Germany, Sept. 25.

A high American source in the United States zone of Germany said on Tuesday night that Dr. Rudolf Paul, missing Premier of the Soviet zone state of Thuringia, is in American hands.

"There is no question that Paul is here in the American zone and is being held by certain American authorities," the source said.

He stated that Paul, who disappeared from the Russian zone on Sept. 1, with his wife and an interpreter, is being held in the Frankfurt area.

Despite this statement, Army Intelligence authorities still deny that Paul was being held by American forces.—Associated Press.

PREPARING FOR EMERGENCY

Washington, Sept. 25.

The U.S. Army has announced it has linked up 27 units—ranging from railway divisions to graves registration companies—ready to step bodily from civilian pursuits into military duty in the event of any emergency.

The arrangements were made under the War Department's recently announced "mobilization programme" designed to provide a reserve of peacetime-trained personnel.—Associated Press.

Death Camp In Poland

Moscow, Sept. 25. Pravda reports the Soviet discovery of a new death camp in Poland for Russian war prisoners where, it claims, more than 67,000 soldiers and officers were shot or poisoned by the Nazis.

A communique by the Soviet State Commission investigating German atrocities described this on basis of the exhumation of thousands of corpses and also upon the basis of eye-witness stories originating during the Nazi regime in mass murder enclosures near the city of Ostrow-Marowetski, 100 kilometres northeast of Warsaw.

Officers, Jews and other suspicious elements from among the prisoners, according to the testimony, were immediately shot, said Pravda, while others were starved, gradually poisoned to death, beaten to death, hanged or condemned to slow death through dysentery, typhus or other diseases.—Associated Press.

JAPAN TREATY

Ottawa, Sept. 25.

Canadian Defence Minister Brooke Claxton said today, "It is our hope that a preliminary conference on the Japanese peace settlement will be held within the next few weeks."

He suggested preliminary talks might be held in New York. Claxton has just returned from the Commonwealth talks on the Japanese treaty in Australia. He said Canadians also hoped that the treaty might be concluded early next year.—Associated Press.

America Protests To Belgrade On Frontier Dispute

Washington, Sept. 24. The United States has protested to the Yugoslav Government against the Yugoslav action in presenting ultimatums to Allied military representatives demanding alterations in the provincial boundary between the Anglo-American Zone of Trieste and Yugoslavia, Mr. Robert Lovett, Acting Secretary of State, disclosed in Washington today.

At the same time, the United States rejected as "wholly without foundation and unworthy of comment," Yugoslav protests alleging misconduct by American troops during their withdrawal from territory ceded to Yugoslavia under the Italian peace treaty.

In a protest delivered by the American Ambassador to Yugoslavia on Monday, the United States asked the Yugoslav Government to issue immediate instructions to stop the issuing of ultimatums, "which the United States Government considers exceeding dangerous and likely to precipitate incidents to the most serious consequences."

The note said that disputes between local military posts must be resolved through "normal civilized procedures" and insisted on Yugoslav recognition of an established provisional boundary line until definite delineation had been undertaken in accordance with the terms of the Italian treaty.

"Indecency"

On the same day, the Yugoslav Ambassador in Washington delivered a note to Mr. Lovett, which contained ten charges of misconduct by American troops. These charges included "indecent attacks" against Yugoslav populace, property and citizens; demolition of hospitals, rioting, plundering and permitting Italian troops into the boundary area. Mr. Lovett rejected all the allegations as "unworthy of comment, and in a point-to-point reply made by Major-General T. B. Avey, Commanding American and British forces in Trieste, they were rejected one by one as "unsubstantiated" and "false."

History's Centre Has Shifted To The Pacific

Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 24. Dr. Pitirim Sorokin, Harvard sociologist, today said that the centre of history had shifted to the Pacific and thus any conception of the British Isles continuing as the centre of history was foolish.

He expressed the opinion that the future "key nations" of the world were the United States, China, India and Latin-America. He recommended that a "considerable part" of England's population emigrate and the remainder try to live within the income of the island and forget about the Empire.

Dr. Sorokin said in an interview that Australia especially would welcome large immigration and the Australians preferred any new settlers to be English.

The Russian-born professor added that Canada too had proved itself to be a willing home for English-speaking people to leave the British Isles.

However, he added, really to get out of trouble, the English leaders should scale the budget to fit the British Isles and not the British Empire.

A Province

"If I run my house on the scale of a hospital, with the income of a poor Harvard professor, I am sure to get into financial difficulties," he said. "That's what's been happening to the British."

He asserted that Europe was becoming a province and, "to use an exaggerated example, the time is not far off when the quarrels and alliances of Hitler, Mussolini and Chamberlain will have as much significance as do quarrels today between the mayors of small American cities."

"The centre of Anglo-Saxon culture is at present the United States," he said. "Already the centre of Spanish culture is not in Spain but in Spanish Latin-America. Correspondingly, the centre of Portuguese culture is in Brazil, not Portugal. Even the centre of Russian culture is moving to Asiatic Russia."—United Press.

India's Health Problems

London, Sept. 25.

The British Red Cross Society, following the acceptance of its offer of aid in the problems of health and sickness now besetting India and Pakistan, hopes to send a first consignment of supplies within a day or two.

The supplies will probably be delivered by a specially chartered plane.

A special staff is hard at work examining all available stores and if the two dominions make a request for personnel as well as supplies now that cholera as well as communal tension is preoccupying the two dominions, the Red Cross Society will give the matter every consideration. A specialised staff is available.

The Red Cross Society, however, has its own problems in England. It is faced with the existing shortage of drugs in Britain.—Reuter.

The Story Of A Ring

Copenhagen, Sept. 25.

The story of a precious brilliant ring, which was stolen, recovered by the Danish police, lost into the water from an American steamer and recovered again, was told by Copenhagen police officials.

One night a Chinese sailor from an American ship in Copenhagen's harbour got drunk in a waterfront joint and proudly showed the ring to his girl companion. She managed to make him take off the ring, so that she could better admire it. Suddenly she jumped from the table and disappeared.

The police investigated and after some time recovered the ring. When a police representative gave the ring back to the Chinese on board his ship, he enthusiastically grasped the ring in such a hurry that it dropped into the water.

The police, recognising its responsibility for the recovery of the ring—as they had not properly taken care of its being handed over to its rightful owner—hired a diver who in 10 minutes found the ring between thousands of beer bottle caps piling up in six feet deep mud, 40 feet down at the bottom of the harbour.—Associated Press.

RUSSIA BACKS YUGOSLAVS

Vienna, Sept. 25.

Russia today announced her support of Yugoslav claims to considerable slices of the Austrian provinces of Carinthia and Styria, and autonomy for Croat minorities in the province of Burgenland, on the eastern border of Austria.

Mr. Kyril Novikov, the Soviet delegate to the Austrian Treaty Commission here who made that statement added a request that Yugoslavia be allowed to restate her case.

The other delegates said they would consider the question if Yugoslavia applied to be heard.—Reuter.



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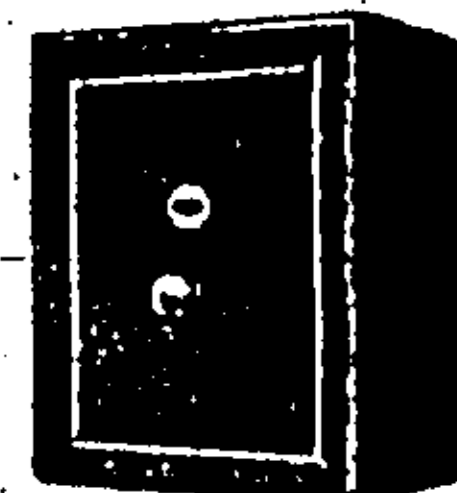


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ployment in the Marine Depart-
ment of the Chinese Maritime
Customs. Particulars of contract
may be obtained from the Office
of the Chinese Maritime Customs,
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ing. (2-5 p.m.)

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL HONG KONG

A SERVICE OF THANKS.
GIVING to mark the completion
of the first stage in the Restora-
tion of the Cathedral will be
held on

Sunday, September 28th 1947
at 11.0 a.m.

A warm invitation to attend is
extended especially to all who
have contributed to the Cathedral
Restoration Appeal Fund.

A. P. ROSE,
Dean.

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The Underigned have received
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Auction on

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SEPTEMBER 1947
COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

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tures, Rose Wood Cocktail
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Drawers, Single Bedsteads With
Boxspring, Mattresses, Typist
Tables, Desks, Wardrobes, Ex-
tension Dining Tables, Side-
boards, Glass Cabinets, Chairs,
Blackwood, Musle Stool, Table
Ornament, Rattan Furniture,
Glass Ware, Crockery and Cut-
lery Etc., Etc.

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2 "Underwood" Typewriters
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1 Teak Bed Room Suite
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1 Treadle Sewing Machine
1 Gas Stove
1 Refrigerator

On View from Thursday, the
25th September 1947.

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Auctioneers.

HONG KONG TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Evening Department

It is proposed to form a Year 1
Shipbuilding Class. Applica-
tion Forms can be obtained from
the Technical College, Wood
Road, or from the Education
Office, Windsor House, 3rd
floor. Completed Forms should
be returned to the Technical
College, Wood Road, before 4th
October, 1947.

G. WHITE,
Principal.

Hongkong, 23rd Sept., 1947.

INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT

NOTICE

PROPERTY TAX

Owners of land and/or build-
ings situated in Hong Kong,
Kowloon and New Kowloon are
reminded that Property Tax for
the year of assessment 1947/48
is payable at the Treasury, 1A
Des Voeux Road Central, on or
before the 30th September, 1947,
and that in the event of default
in payment of this Tax by 4 p.m.
on that date, a sum of five per
cent of the amount in default
will be added to the tax and
recovered therewith.

ERIC W. PUDNEY,
Commissioner of Inland Revenue.
Hongkong, 23rd Sept., 1947.

THE SPORTS CLUB

Selling Lotteries for the Gos-
ford Handicap (1st Section)
and Vauluse Handicap (both
Sections) will be held on Friday
26th September, 1947 at 6.30
p.m. sharp.

H. S. YUNG,
Hon. Secretary.

BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF DISPOSALS

FAR EASTERN AREA (M.O.S.)

1. THE BRITISH
STORES DISPOSAL
BOARD (HONGKONG)
is authorised to receive
TENDERS for a quantity
of:—

M. T. VEHICLES OF VARIOUS TYPES.

2. DETAILED LISTS, TENDER
FORMS, CONDITIONS OF
SALE ETC. for the above stores
may be had on application to The
British Stores Disposal Board,
(Hong Kong), Old Ordnance
Depot, Head Quarters Land Forces,
Victoria Barracks. (Entrance in
Queen's Road, 50 Yards West of
Queen's Road entrance to Bar-
racks).

3. Applicants for Tender Forms
are required to deposit HK\$100.00
with the Board at the time of
application. This sum may be
reckoned as part of the 10%
deposit required to be remitted
with any Tender. (See Paragraph
at foot of page 1 of Tender Form).

4. The \$100.00 deposits made by
Contractors not eventually wishing
to tender will be returnable
against receipt in the Board's
Office of the original Tender
Form issued.

5. Closing date for Tenders:—12
noon Tuesday, September 30th,
1947.

6. The Chairman of the British
Stores Disposal Board (Hong
Kong) does not bind himself to
accept the highest or any Tender.
WALTER M. WEINBERGER,
Chairman.

BRITISH STORES DISPOSAL BOARD, HONG KONG.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG AND YAU MATI FERRY CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that
the Nineteenth Ordinary Annual
Meeting of the Company will be
held at the Company's Office,
3rd Floor, 144-148 Des Voeux
Road, Central, Hong Kong, on
Saturday the 4th October, 1947
at 12.00 noon for the purpose of
receiving the Report and State-
ment of Accounts for the Year
ended 31st December 1946.

Notice is also given that the
Share Register of the Company
will be closed from the 27th
September 1947 to the 4th Octo-
ber 1947, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
LAU TAK PO,
Managing Director.

Hong Kong, 20th Sept. 1947.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG REEL CLUB

The Annual General Meeting
will be held at the Helena May
Institute on Monday, 6th Octo-
ber, 1947, at 5.30 p.m. to be
followed by the first practice of
the season.

All past members are request-
ed to attend.

Acting Honorary Secretary,
(Mrs) J. SHEWAN.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING of the above Society
will be held in the Board Room,
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &
Co., Ltd., on Friday, 3rd October,
1947, at 5.45 p.m., for the pur-
poses of receiving the Annual
Report and Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ended 31st
August, 1947, and of electing
officers-bearers for the ensuing
year, etc.

NAMES OF MEMBERS
WILLING TO SERVE ON THE
GENERAL COMMITTEE, IF
ELECTED, SHOULD BE FOR-
WARDED BY THEIR PRO-
POSER AND SECONDER NOT
LATER THAN TUESDAY,
30TH SEPTEMBER, TO THE
HON. SECRETARY.

D. S. ROBB,
Hon. Secretary.

FAR EASTERN FREIGHT CONFERENCE.

The Far Eastern Freight
Conference announce that effec-
tive forthwith a reduction in the
transhipment rate of 20/- per
ton W/M to 15/- per ton W/M
in respect of cargo for the U.K.
and the Continent from outports
in China on a through Bill of
Lading. Exceptions are dan-
gerous cargo, heavy lifts and
valuable cargo.

The Lines are not prepared to
accept cargo arriving from Can-
ton or elsewhere by steamers,
junks and lighters, attend to the
transhipment thereof at this, or
any other rate, and grant ship-
pers a Hong Kong/U.K. or Con-
tinental Bill of Lading.

To qualify for this tranship-
ment rate it is essential that the
Ocean Lines Representatives
must take delivery from steam-
ers, junks and lighters or other
craft direct, and not from go-
downs.

J. D. ALEXANDER,
Local Chairman

NOTICE

Will Firms please note that Dollar Directory
forms for the 1948 edition should be corrected
and completed as soon as possible, and returned
to the "CHINA MAIL" Office, Windsor House,
without delay.

POLICE NOTICE

POLICE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR THE DEPARTURE FROM
THE COLONY OF GENERAL
CHANG FA-KWEI ON 26.9.47.

1. Departure.
General Chang Fa-kwei
will leave Queen's Pier at
11.30 hours.

2. The following roads will be
closed to Motor Traffic
from 10.30 until 12.00
hours.

(A) Connaught Road Central
from Thomas Cooks
Buildings to junction with
Jackson Road, Northwest
corner of Hong Kong
Club.

(B) Wardley Street from
Queen's Statue to Con-
naught Road Central.

(C) Jackson Road between
Chater Road and Con-
naught Road Central.

3. Car Park
The following car parks
will be closed to Motor
Traffic from 10.30 to
12.00 hours.

(A) Car parks in Wardley
Street from Queen's
Statue to Connaught Road
Central.

(B) Car parks in Jackson
Road.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.
Hong Kong, 25th Sept., 1947.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND OF \$1.20
PER SHARE ON THE FULLY
PAID UP SHARES AND OF
30 CENTS PER SHARE ON
THE PARTLY PAID UP
SHARES RECOMMENDED
BY THE BOARD OF DIREC-
TORS HAVING BEEN PASS-
ED AT THE ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING HELD
ON 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1947,
SHAREHOLDERS ARE HERE-
BY NOTIFIED THAT THE
RELEVANT DIVIDEND WAR-
RANTS MAY NOW BE
COLLECTED ON APPLICA-
TION TO THE REGISTERED
OFFICE OF THE COMPANY.

S. GROVE,
SECRETARY.

BANK HOLIDAY

The Exchange Banks will be
closed for the transaction of
public business on Monday, the
29th September, 1947: (Chinese
Mid-Autumn Festival Day).

Hongkong 26th September, 1947.

U.S. Soldiers Seized

Trieste, Sept. 25.
Three American soldiers were
seized by Yugoslav troops, on the
provisional frontier of the Trieste
free state yesterday and an official
demand for their release has not
yet been answered. American
Headquarters announced today.

The men are part of a mounted
patrol which was moving along
the frontier outside the town of
Monte Costa, Lieut. William Van
Atten of East Range, N. J., saw
a Yugoslav detachment near the
border and halted to talk with
them.

Van Atten dismounted and
walked up to the line. While he
was talking he moved closer and
was suddenly covered by Yugo-
slav officers, and with two enlist-
ed men, was taken into Yugoslav
territory and led into the town of
Gorino under armed guards.—
United Press.

NOT A SENSE

Kansas City, Sept. 25.
Senator Clyde M. Reed of
Kansas said yesterday that he
would not vote "another cent
for aid to Great Britain until it
puts its economic house—includ-
ing labour—in order."

The Kansas Junior Senator
recalled that he had voted for
both the British loan and the loan
to Greece.—Associated Press.

Manila, Sept. 25.
A deep-water port is to be
constructed at Dagupan City,
on Lingayen Gulf. Mr. Eugenio
Peres, Speaker of the House of
Representatives, revealed.
He added that Dagupan
Port would, on the island of
Luzon, be second only to
Manila, and would cater for
coast-going as well as inter-
island traffic.—Reuter.

"RED POLICY TO DRIVE OUT WHITE MEN FROM EAST ASIA"

Menzies Attack On Chifley Policy

Canberra, Sept. 24.
Mr. Robert Menzies, Opposition leader, bitterly
attacked the Commonwealth Government in
the House of Representatives today for re-
ferring the Indonesian dispute to the United
Nations Security Council when he said that it
was a domestic affair.

Australia's action might re-
bound in the future, he declar-
ed. If some ingenious theorist
could refer to the White Aus-
tralia policy or to her treat-
ment of New Guinea natives,
ignoring the fact that these
were domestic affairs "like the
Indonesian case."

Mr. Menzies was speaking
during a foreign affairs debate,
and he charged the Australian
Government with yielding to
Communist policy in Indonesia,
adding: "That policy is to
drive the white men from
South-East Asia, in fact from
the whole of the Pacific. If it
is followed, Australia is going
to be a very lonely nation."
(Australia announced that
she was directing the Security
Council's attention to the situa-
tion in Indonesia under Article
39 of the Charter on July 30.)
In the House of Representa-
tives earlier, Mr. Joseph Chif-
ley, the Prime Minister, an-
nounced the appointment of
Mr. Justice Kirby, of the Aus-
tralian Commonwealth Arbitra-
tion Court, as Australia's re-
presentative on the three-na-
tion Committee set up by the
United Nations Security Coun-
cil to help to "make the peace"
between the Dutch and Repub-
licans in Indonesia.

Union Demand

Mr. Chifley said that he
hoped the Committee would
meet in Singapore soon, as the
observance of the Security
Council's "cease fire" order could
not be maintained indefinitely
but depended on an early start
of negotiations for a lasting
settlement.

Representatives from Bel-
gium and the United States

Labour Chiefs Attacked

Seattle, Sept. 25.
Senator Robert A. Taft today
accused labour leaders of "re-
pealing the Wagner Act for their
own members" by refusing to
sign the non-Communist affidavits
required by the Taft-Hartley law.

He said their refusal would
have more "anti-union" effects
than any restrictions of law.
Senator Taft, co-author of the
Taft-Hartley Act, made his
charge in a prepared speech in
which he also asserted that the
law stopped short of strike con-
trols demanded by the public. An
outright ban on the right to
strike, he said, could lead only
to regimented economy.

He said union leaders were
seeking publicity by trying to
defy the Taft-Hartley law and
were thus refusing to sign re-
quired affidavits swearing they
were not Communists. The law
requires such affidavits from
officers of unions seeking bargain-
ing recognition under Wagner Act
provisions carried forward in the
new law.—United Press.

PEER BLAMES RUSSIA FOR FAILURE OF POTSDAM TREATY

London, Sept. 24.
Lord Pakenham, Minister responsible for the British
Zone of Germany, declared here today
that the "whole Potsdam conception of gov-
erning Germany has foundered on hesitancy
of the Soviet Government to carry out the
agreement and, above all, to honour its obliga-
tions to operate Germany as an economic
unit."

Lord Pakenham told a meet-
ing of the Foreign Press As-
sociation that the Soviet at-
titude to Germany was a "bit-
ter disappointment to all."

Not only Germany, not only
the British taxpayer, but the
whole world has been paying a
terrible price for the way in
which the Potsdam plan has
been scuppered.

"The crucial November con-
ference of the Council of For-
eign Ministers is approaching."
"We shall never accept as
final beyond repair any breach
even if it comes between the
East and the West, but what
ever happens in November, we
have no intention of letting
ourselves be permanently har-
assed in our efforts to enable
Germany to become self-sup-
porting."

Not Quitting

"We have no intention what-
ever of quitting Germany in
any future inter-discussion. We
have a special duty to perform
there to our own people, to the
Germans and the world, and
we are inflexibly resolved to
perform it."

"We mean every word that
we say to the German people
about offering them hope. The
rest of Europe cannot prosper
without them, they cannot
prosper without the rest of
Europe."—Reuter.

U SAW TO STAND TRIAL FOR MURDER

Rangoon, Sept. 24.
U Saw, former Burmese
Prime Minister, and nine
other Burmese will face
trial at Rangoon's Insein
gaol on Oct. 8, accused of
slaying Major-General Aung
San, Deputy Chairman of
the Burma Executive Coun-
cil, and six other Cabinet
Ministers last July.
This was announced today
when they were formally
charged with the murders
and conspiracy to overthrow
the government.
The Advocate-General, Tan
Ila Myi, described U Saw
as the "Number One" accus-
ed but named four members
of U Saw's alleged Party
as the actual assassins.
Declaring that the Crown
would call at least 120 wit-
nesses, the Advocate-General
said that the trial would be
lengthy.—Reuter.

Welcomed By Lord Fraser

Portsmouth, Sept. 24.
The Chilean naval transport,
President Errazuriz, under
Captain Gerard Trudgett,
reached Portsmouth today for
a three-day stay during which
39 cadets aboard will be shown
important British Naval in-
stallations here.
The Chilean Ambassador,
Manuel Bianchi, headed a wel-
come party and he and Captain
Trudgett called immediately on
the Commander-in-Chief, Ports-
mouth, Admiral Lord Fraser,
who then returned the call with
a brief visit aboard the Chilean
and the captain visited the his-
toric Nelson flagship, H.M.S.
Victory, where Trudgett placed
a wreath on the spot on the
deck where Nelson fell mortal-
ly wounded at Trafalgar.—
United Press.

Australia's Experiment

Herford, Sept. 25.
Australia has agreed to ac-
cept 18,000 displaced persons
from the British and American
zones of Germany for work in
Australia, and eventual as-
similation into the Common-
wealth economy.
The scheme is open to dis-
placed persons of all nation-
alities who will be invited to
apply for Australian citizen-
ship if they prove satisfactory
in their work.
The first party of 750 Battle
displaced persons, 550 of whom
are from the British zone, are
due to leave at the end of next
month, and a further 750 a
month later.—Reuter.

GENEVA TALKS DEADLOCK

London, Sept. 24.
The President of the Board
of Trade, Sir Stafford Cripps,
will report to the Cabinet to-
morrow on the deadlock which,
it is understood, has been
reached in his negotiations
with Mr. William Clayton,
United States Under-Secretary
for Economic Affairs, on Im-
perial Preference.
The talks between Sir Staf-
ford Cripps and Mr. Clayton,
which began here last week,
followed failure to reach an
agreement during the trade
discussions at Geneva, when
tariff concessions offered by
countries of the British Com-
monwealth were rejected by
the American representatives
as being insufficient.—Reuter.

NO AGREEMENT

Lake Success, Sept. 24.
The United Nations Security
Council, meeting here in a closed
session tonight, again failed
to agree on the choice of a
governor for Trieste.—Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS EIGHTH EXTRA RACE MEETING. SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1947.

The First Bell will be rung at 2.30 p.m. and the first race
will be run at 3.00 p.m.

Through numbers (7 races—\$14.—) may be obtained at the
Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST
wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the
Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO
THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclo-
sure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable
through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction
of a member, such member to be responsible for all debts etc.
Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on
sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m.
and the Secretary's Office at 12.00 noon. Both Offices at 1st
Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of lifts will be obtainable at the
Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the
No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27518).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S
PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 in-
cluding tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable
at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Tack men, etc., will not be permitted to
operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club
during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the
Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders
ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st Floor, Exchange
Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their
possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the
enclosure.

BY ORDER,
S. A. SIN,
Acting Secretary.

TO-DAY ONLY **WINKS** AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 p.m.
AIR-CONDITIONED



TO-MORROW
The Girl Of The Moment, With The Loves Of The Year, In The Picture Of A Lifetime!

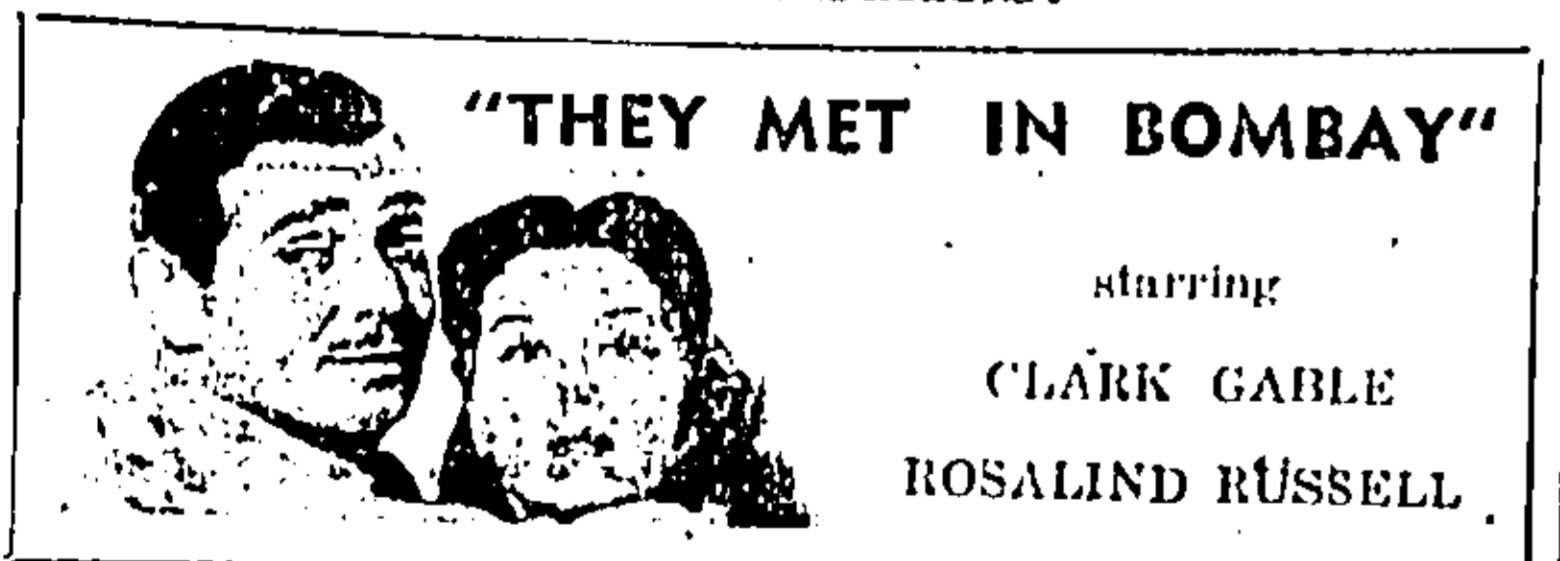


SHOWING TO-DAY **QUEEN'S** AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 p.m.
AIR-CONDITIONED



Gene Tierney • Henry Fonda
NEXT CHANGE! "RINGS ON HER FINGERS"

ORIENTAL
SHOWING TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.30 & 9.30 p.m.
ADVENTUROUS OF CHINA SEAS!
2 GREAT STARS!



COMMENCING on Saturday
27th September, at the **Cathay**



SHOWING TO-DAY **MAJESTIC** AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20 p.m.
THE MUSICAL TRIUMPH IN TECHNICOLOR!
JEANETTE MACDONALD • BRIAN AHERNE
in FRANK BORZAGE'S
"SMILIN' THROUGH"
with GENE RAYMOND • IAN HUNTER
A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Picture
NEXT CHANGE! "FLESH AND FANTASY"

MILK MUST BE KEPT SAFE

Restaurant keepers owe it as a duty to the public to see that the milk they use in their trade comes from reliable sources, said Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when four summonses against Ip Kam-tim, Welcome Cafe, 321 Nathan Road, for allegedly selling unpasteurised milk were heard.

The summonses related to the alleged sale of unpasteurised milk on Aug. 21, 22, 23, and 24, when the milk in containers the disc of which failed to bear (a) the name of the manufacturer in English, and (b) the words "Reconstituted Milk" in (1) English and (2) Chinese.

Action against the defendant was taken as the result of information supplied by Chiu Ming (who was convicted and fined a total of \$2,000 or 11 months' hard labour on Sept. 11 on five summonses in connection with the manufacture and sale of reconstituted milk) during the preliminary inquiries made by the Health Department.

Search
The Welcome Cafe was searched by Health Inspector Yau Ka-puk on Aug. 21, said Senior Health Inspector C. Strange, when 32 bottles of milk were found in the refrigerator.

All the bottles bore a false disc on which was stated that contents were pasteurised milk pasteurised at 100° Tam Kung Road.

The name of the dairy was given, in Chinese, as King Sing—a fictitious concern, declared Mr. Strange.

In reality, the milk was manufactured at 26 Cheong Lok Street, a Chinese tenement house, and had never passed through the Tam Kung Road pasteurisation plant.

Samples of the milk were submitted for analysis, continued Mr. Strange, and the report received from the Government Chemist stated that the milk contained 1.65 per cent. of solid fats instead of the standard 3.25 per cent., and 4.75 per cent. non-solid fats as against 8.5 per cent.

"Innumerable"
The Government Pathologist reported that the total organisms in the milk was "innumerable," while the Coliform organisms present were 1,000 times more than that permitted.

Mr. Strange went on to say that defendant actually obtained the milk from a man, Chiu Ming, who manufactured it in an indescribably dirty rear cubicle of a Chinese tenement house at Cheong Lok Street.

There was absolutely no pretension of any machinery for pasteurisation or sterilisation of the tins of the milk on the premises.

Defendant was fined \$500 on the first summons and \$25 each on the remaining three, making a total of \$575.

What Happened In The Courts

Travel Did Not Help Educate Him

Lee Belsier, an Overseas Chinese recently arrived from the United States, charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday with driving without an appropriate licence and driving and unlicensed vehicle, was fined \$250 on both charges.

Defendant stated that he had brought the car from the States. He had just taken the car out of the Kowloon Government and was on the way to the Hong Kong Hotel Garage when he was intercepted. He further stated that he did not know the regulations.

COSTLY WATCH
Cheung Cheuk-nam, who pleaded guilty to a charge of having, together with another in custody, robbed Mak Shiu-fung of a metal wrist watch and \$95 in cash on July 23, 1947, was yesterday sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in hard labour and 12 strokes by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Additional Judge).

STAND-OVER MAN
Reappeared after a remand of 24 hours to produce a witness Fung, 29, charged with demanding money with menaces and assault, was sentenced to four months on the first charge and two months on the second, the charges to run consecutively.

D.S.I. Waldron informed the Court that every effort had been made to locate defendant's witness, but it appeared that the witness had left for the country immediately after this incident.

Defendant then asked the magistrate to exercise leniency and to take into consideration that this was his first offence.

Mr. d'Almada said it was a very serious offence and could not be viewed lightly.

EVADED TAX
Charged with evading payment of entertainment tax Ching Chung, 26, Mak Fuk, 25 and Mak Man, 36, were each fined \$25 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Mr. J. H. Murgold of the Entertainment Department said he inspected the Kau U Fong Theatre and found all the defendants occupying seats in the back stalls without tickets.

Ng Kiu, Ng Kam and Lo Ping were fined \$75 for a similar offence at the Ko Shing Theatre.

Widow Faces Dangerous Drug Charge

Originally charged with procuring an abortion and possession of a dangerous drug, Wong Ping Cheung, 56, widow, of No. 28 Wellington Street, first floor appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

On the application of Inspector Moran, since the principal witness for the prosecution had disappeared, was withdrawn and two fresh charges of using titles implying qualification to practice medicine and professing to practice medicine substituted.

Mr. Peter Shi for the defendant stated that as he had no notification of the new charges he would ask for an adjournment.

Mr. d'Almada said that before granting the adjournment, he would like to hear the prosecution's witnesses and added that this would benefit accused.

After evidence further hearing was adjourned to Oct. 8. Inspector Moran prosecuted.

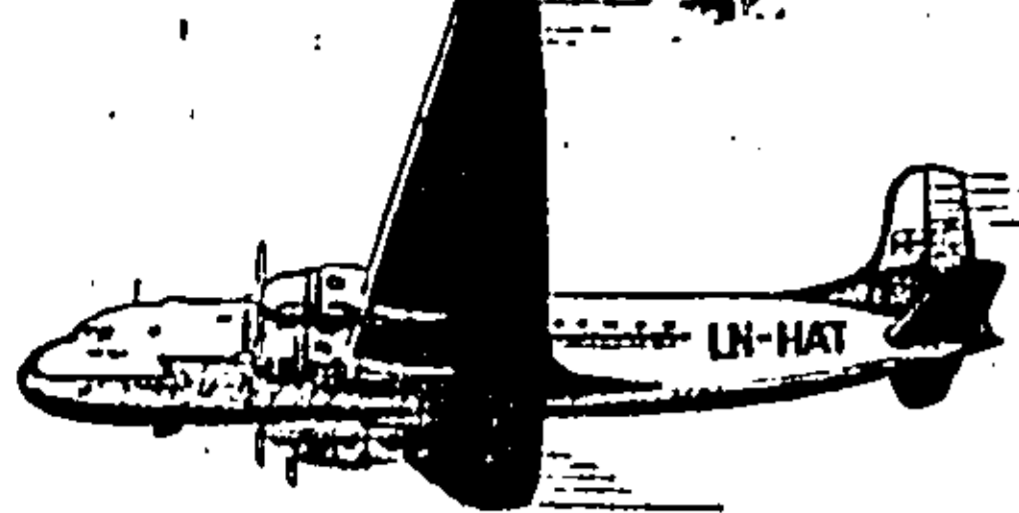
H.K.V.D.C. Orders
Orders by Lieut.-Col. H. Owen-Hughes, R.D., Acting Commandant, H.K.V.D.C. Order No. 25/47 dated Sept. 25, 1947.

Children's Christmas Party. (a) It is intended to give a Christmas party for the children of Volunteers sometime in December. (b) Only children between the ages of 6 and 14 will be invited; and it is essential that an estimate of the numbers involved is arrived at as early as possible.

Will all Volunteers and widows of deceased Volunteers please write to the Adjutant, stating the number of their children who may be attending the Christmas Party, to the Adjutant, The Hong Kong Brigade of the British Legion, which has been reconstituted in the Colony, and all Volunteers, as 2-N members, with War Service are eligible for membership. The Commandant is very anxious that as many members of the Corps as possible should join the Legion which has as its primary objects (a) Provision for disabled and wounded soldiers; (b) Assistance to their dependents in difficult circumstances. The annual membership collection is in progress and further details can be obtained through the Adjutant.

Hong Kong Services Rifle Association. Practice Shoots will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 and Sunday, Sept. 28. Launch (timed) on Saturday, Sept. 27. Queen's Pier, 1430 for East Pier, Stonecutters. Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon. Dep. 1445 for East Pier, Stonecutters. East Pier Steps—Kowloon. Dep. 1450 for East Pier, Stonecutters. Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon. Dep. 1455 for East Pier, Stonecutters. East Pier Steps—Kowloon. Dep. 1500 for East Pier, Stonecutters. Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon. Dep. 1505 for East Pier, Stonecutters. East Pier Steps—Kowloon. Dep. 1510 for East Pier, Stonecutters. Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon. Dep. 1515 for East Pier, Stonecutters. East Pier Steps—Kowloon. Dep. 1520 for East Pier, Stonecutters. Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon. Dep. 1525 for East Pier, Stonecutters. East Pier Steps—Kowloon. Dep. 1530 for East Pier, Stonecutters. Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon. Dep. 1535 for East Pier, Stonecutters. East Pier Steps—Kowloon. Dep. 1540 for East Pier, Stonecutters. Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon. 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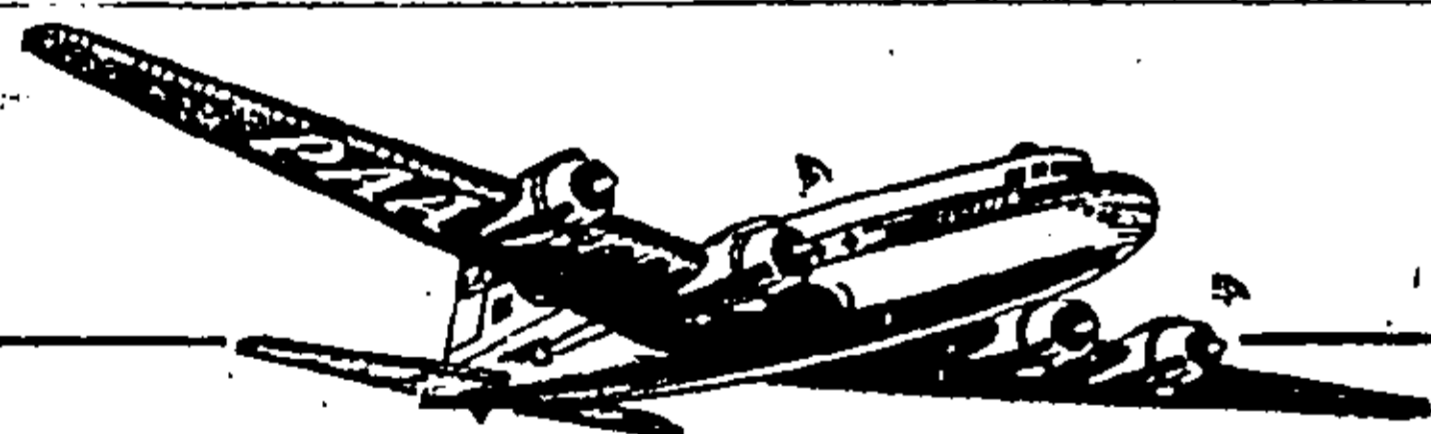
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RUSSIA GAINS POPULARITY IN MIDDLE EAST NATIONS

Sequel To Support Of Egypt

Cairo, Sept. 25.

Russia has gained more popularity among Egyptians by her stand in favour of Egypt at the Security Council than by all other means she had previously tried, the majority of political observers in Cairo believe.

The Egyptian Government has come out and said that it will not forget the countries that have stood by Egypt's side during her critical hours and this includes Russia, although that same Government headed by Mahmoud Fahy el Nokrashy Pasha had in the past reiterated that its policy is diametrically opposed to Communism.

Now, the Egyptian Government is placed under an obligation to Russia and her ally Poland, and the first results were quick to appear—an Egyptian delegation went to Moscow to attend the eighth jubilee of the city of Moscow.

But where the Russian popularity has soared to really great heights is among the politically-minded workers, students and lower classes, and among the extreme nationalists all of whom are now advocating closer ties with Russia, and conversely, less relations with Britain and the United States. There have been enthusiastic demonstrations in favour of the Soviet Union and against Britain. So far the United States had escaped any major blast.

Moslems Friendly

Hafez Ramadan Pasha, chief of the Nationalist Party, was the first recognised leader to announce that since Russia was supporting Egypt, then Egypt should strengthen her relations with the Soviet.

This declaration was followed by the powerful Moslem Brotherhood sending a delegation to the Russian Legation to thank the Minister for his country's stand. In the past the Brotherhood had stated that Communism was contrary to the principles of Islam, but at present their attitude was switched to readiness to befriend Russia because of her sympathetic attitude to Egypt.

The situation, as it stands at present, is that the country is generally extremely antagonistic to Britain and all groups are united in wanting the end of British military occupation of any part of Egypt and the Sudan, and the termination of any treaty between the two countries.

Boycott

The rival parties may differ over the question of procedure, but they are all unanimous in clamouring for immediate evacuation. They want to boycott British goods and appeals have been sent that no Egyptian is to provide supplies to the British troops in the Suez Canal area.

The attitude towards the United States is still undecided, as the American delegation at the Security Council has stayed very much in the background during the Anglo-Egyptian dispute. Official sources have privately hinted that the Egyptians hope that the Americans will ultimately support the Egyptian aspirations.

When he visited Washington during the Security Council's 10-day recess, Premier Nokrashy Pasha announced he was studying plans to get an American military mission which would aid in modernising the Egyptian Army to enable it to ensure the defence of the Suez Canal, and Egyptian territory in general.

France Attacked

Political observers draw the conclusion, therefore, that the Egyptians—at least the Government—desire to strengthen their relations with the United States and hope that by indicating this desire they will in return obtain greater American support for their demands.

French and Belgian opposition to Egypt at the Security Council has caused a storm of protest against these two countries. Both the press and political circles have attacked France and Belgium and accused them of being undemocratic and imperialistic. These circles point out that both these countries have economic interests in Egypt which would best be served by befriending Egypt. Politically, France, they believe, could have staged a come-back into Middle East politics and popularity by supporting Egypt. —United Press.

Searching Enquiry Demanded Into B.O.A.C. And Tudors

London, Sept. 24.

Sir Roy Dobson, Managing Director of the aircraft firm of A. V. Roe and Company, today saw the Minister of Supply, Mr. John Wilmot, to follow up his declared intention of pressing for "the most searching enquiry" into the reported unfavourable attitude taken by the British Overseas Airways Corporation towards his company's airliner Tudor I for trans-Atlantic traffic.

Sir Roy Dobson yesterday quoted the BBC for the report that the BOAC had decided that the Tudor I should be scrapped as an airliner and converted into a freighter.

He alleged that certain elements in the BOAC had always preferred American aircraft. He conceded to the Tudor I's rival, the Constellation, only that it was faster and had a longer range. On the other hand he drew attention to the fact that it cost about £200,000, against the Tudor's £140,000.

"I am convinced that the Minister is very serious about this and that he is going to take some action quickly. The Tudor I could be operated on any major trunk route in the world and they could go in right now."

The BOAC, he revealed, had decided to scrap the Tudor I and convert it into a freighter.

SOVIET BETS ON CRISIS IN U.S.

Moscow, Sept. 24.

The leading Soviet economist, Professor Eugene Varuga, declared in the political magazine *New Times* that the Marshall plan cannot "have the United States from the inevitable economic crisis which is already overtaking America."

He added: "The aim of the Marshall plan, as also is the whole course of American foreign policy, is the establishment of political and economic domination of the United States over the world, and finally over Europe." —Reuter.

List Before Court

Nuremberg, Sept. 25.

A former German Field Marshal, Sigmund Wilhelm List, today described himself as "an officer of the old school" when he and 10 other former German generals faced trial before an American court on charges of war crimes against civilian populations.

His definition of "the old school" was that it always struck to the principles of "Christianity, Justice, Humanity and Duty."

He himself was not aware of having given any orders that were contrary to Christian or ethical principles, he stated. —Reuter.

Snyder Seeks For Himself

Paris, Sept. 25.

Mr. John W. Snyder, the Secretary of the United States Treasury, who has been on a week's financial fact-finding visit to Paris, will fly to Berlin tomorrow for a three or four day visit, the United States Embassy spokesman said this afternoon.

The spokesman said that Mr. Snyder was invited to Paris by M. Paul Ramadier, the Prime Minister and by M. Robert Schuman, the Finance Minister.

French leaders, it was learned here, have told Mr. Snyder of the measures which will be taken to stabilize the franc and French internal economy which will be made public during the first week of October. —Reuter.

GREEK WAR

Athens, Sept. 25.

Fighting between a guerrilla band numbering 350 and Greek Government troops in the mountains along the northern shores of the Gulf of Corinth, was reported by the Greek news agency tonight.

Fighting is still going on. In the first encounter 45 guerrilla dead were counted and 30 prisoners were taken. —Reuter.

Petkov Goes To Gallows

Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept. 25.

Nikola Petkov, the leader of Bulgaria's recently suppressed opposition party, the Agrarian Union, who was sentenced to death on a charge of treason last month, was hanged in the Central Prison, Sofia, this morning, it was officially announced today.

The sentence was carried out in the presence of the Prosecutor-General of the Sofia Regional Tribunal, after a commission of the Bulgarian Ministry of Justice had submitted a report saying there was no reason for the country's President to commute the sentence.

A British Foreign Office spokesman said later that the news of Petkov's execution was so grave that a statement on it could only be framed by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin himself.

It is one of the first matters Mr. Bevin is expected to give his attention to on his return today from the Paris plenary session of the conference on the Marshall plan for aid to Europe.

The execution of the former Bulgarian opposition leader, Nikola Petkov, was described as "judicial murder," in a statement issued today by Lord Vansittart, the former permanent Under Secretary in the British Foreign Office, Mr. Clement Davies, the leader of the Parliamentary Liberal Party, and Mr. Raymond Blackburn, a Labour Member of Parliament.

"The judicial murder of Petkov," the statement said, "shows the clear resemblance between M. Dimitroff (the Prime Minister of Bulgaria), like Communist dictators in general, and Hitler and Goering, like Fascist dictators in general."

"Let us learn the lesson that there must be no appeasement of Communism and that we must never again invite aggression by being weak. On the contrary, we must be strong and resolute in our defence of freedom and the rule of law." —Reuter.

Jap Mines On Florida Beach

Vero Beach, Florida, Sept. 25.

A Navy demolition expert took the kick out of six Japanese mines which turned up on the beaches today after the hurricane.

He began checking reports of other explosives found in Florida in the wake of the big winds. The Japanese mines obviously did not drift all the way from Japan, said Lt. Jay Lay McCoil, the Navy expert.

He believed they were captured mines which had been used in the wartime underwater demolition school.

Mines used by the school were later buried but winds and waters of last week apparently disinterred them. —United Press.

AFFIDAVITS ON I.G. FARBEN

Nuremberg, Sept. 25.

Affidavits by company directors, placed in evidence today at the trial of I. G. Farben dye trust executives here, showed that as early as 1933—fully two years before Hitler officially rearm Germany—there was an air force sufficiently advanced to order magnesium incendiary bombs.

Director Ernst Struss, said the secret Luftwaffe carried out a number of air tests of camouflage before approving the design for the Farben factory near Aachen. Construction began secretly in 1933 and a year later, even casings for bombs were being produced and stored under the code label "textile tubes."

Farben squelched competitors in the field of light metals before and during the war and even made sure Farben got the jump on the Hermann Goering works, according to confidential inter-office memos introduced in evidence. These revealed that Farben in February 1935 pulled strings to keep the Wintershall magnesium factory out of competition. —United Press.

Farben's lecture tour that the Dominion was seeking British immigrants without the usual formalities, any plan to "take the Dominion's place" in the world, was a "purely propaganda move."



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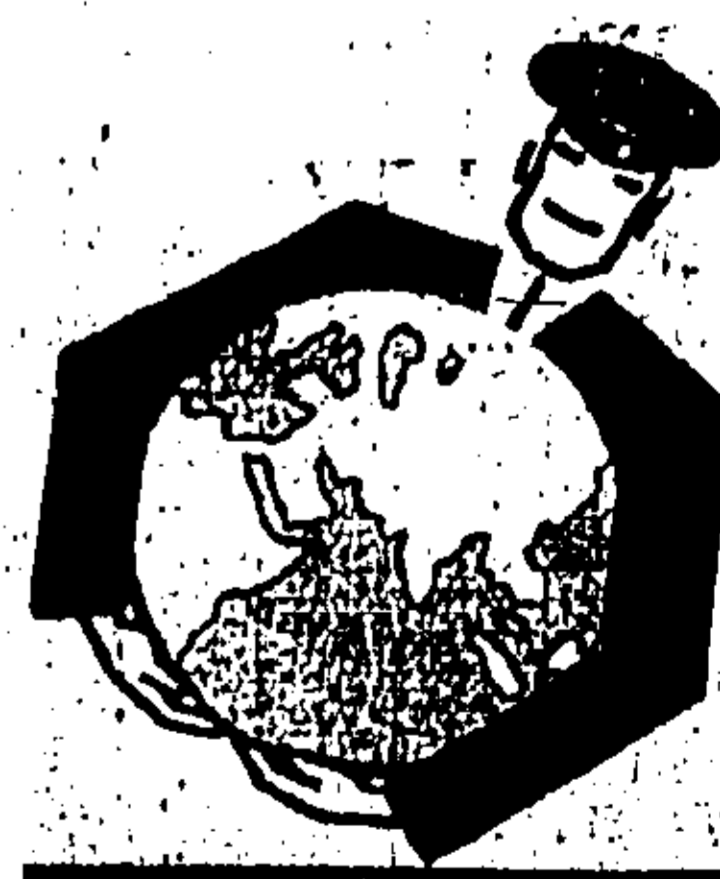
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HEATED DEBATE ON CHINESE IMPORT BAN

Nanking, Sept. 25. The Special Committee of the Executive Yuan studying revision of the import and export regulations yesterday centred heated discussions on an article which prohibits importers from placing orders with manufacturers abroad before obtaining an import permit from the Chinese authorities.

Options were divided in the Committee in which one group maintained that if importers pay for imports with their own foreign exchange, goods in China could absorb surplus capital, while another group declared that this would allow overseas Chinese remittances to enter China through channels other than the Central Bank of China since merchants would, instead of remitting money, would buy manufactured goods and send these to China.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Economic Affairs discussed measures for the confiscation of prohibited imports which included Customs and still openly sold in China markets.

It was understood that the proposed measure, subject to confirmation by the State Council, calls for the confiscation of such "luxuries" as sea-foods, cosmetics, birds' nests, plastic handbags, plastic rain-coats and toys.

It also calls for the confiscation three months later of such imports as biscuits, fruits, candies, curries and tea.

Soccer Games At Sookunpoo

The Sookunpoo Recreation ground, lately rehabilitated by the Army and now improved beyond recognition, will be the venue of four Army home games to be played during this opening week-end of the Soccer Season.

The matches are as follows:

SATURDAY
3.30 p.m. R.E.M.E. v. Chinese Athletic
5.00 p.m. 25th Field Reg. v. Royal Navy.

SUNDAY
3.30 p.m. 25th Field Reg. v. South China
5.00 p.m. Devons v. Kwong Wah

As a friendly gesture marking the opening of Sookunpoo as the official Army home ground, the Hong Kong Area Land Forces Sports Board has decided that admission to the above games will be free. The ground is in excellent condition and four new stands with a seating capacity of 3,500 have been erected.

Spectators are assured of a most pleasant and comfortable seating in which the keen struggles of these opening matches will be fought.

Football Games Transferred

As the stands at Caroline Hill are not yet ready, the First Division Football games arranged for this week-end have been transferred to other grounds.

The amended fixtures are as follows:

SATURDAY
FIRST DIVISION
S. China v. Innis (11.15 a.m.)
(Causeway Bay 6 p.m.)
Referee: L.G. Young
Linesmen: F.A. Barretto/L. Cpl. Flerce

SECOND DIVISION
S. China v. H.M. Dockyard (Car. Hill 3.30 p.m.)
(only concrete stand to be used by spectators)
Referee: J.G. Padley
Sing Tao v. Kitchee
Postponed.

SUNDAY
FIRST DIVISION
Eastern v. St. Joseph's (Club 5 p.m.)
Referee: J. Havelaar
Linesmen: A. Leek/P.T.H. George

SECOND DIVISION
St. Joseph's v. Talkoo Dock (Club 3.30 p.m.)
Referee: Tsang King-hong.

SOCCER TEAMS

The following are the Club soccer teams for tomorrow:

First Division: Police (Club 5 p.m.); Lecky; Fowler and Flaherty; Ritchie; Farrow and Beck; Henderson; Walter; Redman; Mullen and E. Strauss.

Second Division: R.A.S.C. (Club 3.30 p.m.); Locks and Odell; Urganov; Otagor and Dick; Haily; J. Strauss; Gardner; M. Strauss; Haily; Kennard; Haily and Odell.

Saunders Sets New Record

At last night's heats for the Colony Championships at the V.R.C. 22-year-old George Saunders broke the Men's 50 yards free style by 1/5 second.

The record holder was Ng Nin who established his title in 1940, swimming the 50 yards in 24 3/5 seconds.

Saunders swam the distance in 24 2/5 seconds.

Results

The results of the last batch of heats were:—

Men's 50 yards Free style Championship:—G. Saunders (24 2/5 secs.), Lau Tai Ping (25 2/5 secs.), A. Ballerand (25 3/5 secs.), Choi Lee Hang (26 1/5 sec.) and Wong Chi Hung (25 3/5 secs.).

V.R.C. Men's 100 yards Free style Championship (Junior):—C. Gutteres (63 secs.), J. Gomes (61 4/5 secs.), E. Guest (61 secs.), R. Sousa (60 secs.), and A. Marques (60 2/5 secs.).

Men's 30 yard Back Stroke Handicap:—N. Reynolds (34 3/5 secs.), L. Gutteres (37 3/5 secs.), C. Gutteres (38 1/5 secs.), and R. Sousa (37 1/5 secs.).

Men's 220 yards Free style:—Yau Sai Kwan (2 mins. 30 secs.), Lau Tai Ping (2 mins. 31 4/5 secs.), Chan Chun Nam (2 mins. 38 secs.), J. Yvanovich (2 mins. 34 4/5 secs.) and F. Monteiro (2 mins. 32 secs.).

Women's 50 yards Free style:—S. Anderson, A. Anderson, Leung Oi Ming, Wong Yuen Ching and Ko Mui Ling.

As there were only five entries for this event no heats were swum.

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Relief

At the same time after protracted negotiations, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and United States Embassy officials here have reached a preliminary agreement for post UNRRA American relief to China, according to Foreign Office sources.

Under this agreement, the American Government will ship US\$30,000,000 worth of relief supplies to China after the withdrawal of UNRRA from China at the end of the year.

These supplies will consist mainly of foodstuffs, but will also include medicines, seeds and fertilizers.

The agreement is now awaiting the formal approval of the Chinese and United States Governments.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is reported to be sounding out the attitude of the United States and Korean Governments towards the reopening of trade relations between China and Korea according to semi-official sources. — Reuter & United Press.

A Blow Struck For British Golf

St. Anne's-on-Sea, Sept. 24. Henry Cotton, Britain's Ryder Cup captain, struck a shrewd blow for British golfing prestige, when in the opening round of the "News of the World" professional match play championship here he defeated the Australian, Norman Von Nida by four and two.

Encouraged by brilliant weather, a huge crowd flocked to the course to witness this match of the season between Cotton, holder of the title, and Von Nida, who has won more than 25,000 in British tournaments this season.

The Australian for once failed with his iron shots, while Cotton was wonderfully accurate. The Briton took the lead at the first hole and was four up at the turn. The Australian took the 11th in four and the 12th in two to reduce his deficit to two holes.

But then Cotton produced a mighty match-winning shot to win two yards of the flag at the 15th and won the match at the next hole amid unforgettable scenes of enthusiasm.

Among other first round winners were the British Open champion, Fred Daly, Dai Rees and Flory Van Donk. — Reuter.

CHIANG'S MEN RETAKE HUAITEH

Shanghai, Sept. 25. Dispatches from Mukden today indicated that the Nationalist probing attacks in the Changchun area developed into a local offensive resulting in the recapture of Huaitieh, 30 miles west of Changchun, on Wednesday morning in brief, brisk fighting in which more than 1,100 Communists were killed and wounded.

The dispatches said the Government troops were pursuing the fleeing Reds in an attempt to regain all strategic outer defences of Changchun which were taken by the Communists in the June offensive.

A United Press report from Peiping said that engineers and employees of the National Resources Commission were evacuated from Hulutao as fighting continued on the Peiping-Mukden railway.

The technical personnel were provisionally evacuated from Changchun as the Communists moved on.

The Tsingtau Press is certain

THE NEW ARMY



Here is Territorial Army training—new style. T.A. paratroopers land after being dropped from aircraft over the training camp of the 16th Airborne Division (Territorial Army) at Upper Heyford, Britain.

Australia Offers Real Opportunity

Gold did not lie around the streets of Australia, but it is there for the man who was prepared to work hard and to dig for it.

These remarks were made yesterday by Mr. R. Hazzard, Trade Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Australia, when he addressed a gathering of several hundred Royal Naval ratings on the subject of "Australia Today."

It was pointed out by Mr. Hazzard that Australia had, during the past war period, exported approximately £285,000,000 worth of goods to the rest of the world.

This was a most noteworthy achievement for a country with a population of only seven and a half million.

Established industries had only come into being during the past ten years, he said. Plants and equipment were of the most modern type. Even America was today sending industrial experts to Australia to examine Australian plants and to study Australian methods of production.

Benefits

Dealing with the number of free benefits and social services, Mr. Hazzard said that hospital and medical expenses up to £2 per week were allowed every individual, whenever incurred, irrespective as to his means.

For every child after the first, there was an endowment scheme. Under this scheme Government paid 7/6 per week for every child after the first, until such additional child attained the age of 16 years.

Primary education in Australia is a function of the Government. It is free and compulsory between the ages of six and fourteen years.

Australia was today the cheapest country in the world in which to live.

The average wage being earned was round about £10 per week, which was ample to enable a man to raise a family and to provide his children with a decent education, as well as to accumulate savings.

Pensions

Provision was made under the Commonwealth system of pensions, for the payment of a weekly pension to widows and invalids to any citizen at any age.

Mr. Hazzard said that in Australia, it is held that all men who are prepared to work are entitled to employment. Australian labour legislation operated according to this point of view.

A large number of companies from America and England were establishing themselves in Australia and were bringing with them complete plants, thereby opening up new industries.

It was the aim of the Australian Government to increase its present population of seven and a half million to approximately 20,000,000 over the next 25 years.

For this purpose, immigrants, particularly British, were being encouraged.

There were unlimited opportunities for British ex-servicemen.

Pan-American Returns To Hong Kong

San Francisco, Sept. 25. The Pan-American World Airways begins a new round-the-world route tonight on a route which will circle the globe via Tokyo, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Bangkok and Calcutta.

The Pan-American yesterday resumed its service between San Francisco and Hong Kong via Manila, halted nearly six years ago by the outbreak of the Pacific War.

The services will link the Pacific coast with every major city in Asia as well as India, the Middle East and England. — Associated Press.

SCOTTISH MINERS GO ON STRIKE

Edinburgh, Sept. 25. The unofficial Scottish miners' strike for higher wages spread rapidly today affecting 14,000 men and 20 pits for an estimated daily loss of 12,000 tons to Britain's coal-starved economy.

The strike began yesterday, after the nation had experienced a week free of mine disputes and production had jumped by over 300,000 tons.

Union officials urged strikers in the Lanarkshire and Ayrshire areas to return to work. The officials met with National Coal Board representatives in Edinburgh today. — United Press.

Plane Lost

London, Sept. 24. The British survey aircraft missing from the coast of Falkland Islands since Sept. 15 has now been found south of Cape Derran in Graham Land in the Antarctic. The Colonial Office announced today.

The plane, a small British Avro aircraft, made a crash landing but the crew of three were reported to be all well.

"Ironsides" Hits At The Reds

General Chang Fa-kwei, China's Ironsides Commander was outspokenly critical of Communist activities in Hong Kong when he addressed a large public reception given in his honour by the local Chinese community at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday afternoon.

There was no doubt, he said, that the Communists were making their headquarters here, and were doing everything possible to stir up trouble in Kwangtung.

Though there were no Communist armed groups in the province, he strongly suspected that they were exploiting the bandits for their own political ends.

The General also criticised the wave of smuggling now going on between Hong Kong and Kwangtung, and urged his compatriots to co-operate in stamping it out.

Any sabotage of China's economy cannot but react unfavourably on legitimate business in Hong Kong.

In Kwangtung

Spending of his two years' stewardship as supreme military commander in Kwangtung and Kwangsi, General Chang said he had done his best, and frankly admitted the result was not up to expectation.

There were still 30,000 bandits in the Province. He blamed lack of political co-operation as one of his handicaps.

General Chang Fa-kwei, earlier in the afternoon, was the guest of honour at a luncheon at the Hong Kong Hotel at which the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce were joint hosts.

Replying to the toasts of welcome extended to him by the Hon. Mr. R. D. Gillespie and Mr. Tung Chung-wei, the Chairman of the two Chambers, General Chang referred to the intimate tie between Canton and Hong Kong. "They are like Siamese twins," he said.

He urged business men in Hong Kong, both Chinese and foreign, to help their less fortunate counterparts in Canton back on their feet.

A cocktail party at Government House, and a dinner party in his honour given by the three Chinese unofficial members of Council, rounded off the General's round of festivities for yesterday.

The General will return to Canton this morning by air.

Decision

"On July 10 1947, your Directors decided to call up the balance outstanding on the partly paid shares amounting to £1,875,000. The first call of £2.50 per share became payable on Aug. 18, and the 2nd and 3rd calls are payable on Oct. 18 and Dec. 18 respectively. This will augment working capital to take care of immediate requirements, but is clear that further adjustment of the Capital structure will shortly be necessary.

"Investment shows considerable appreciation ever since the war, and the cash position must commend itself to shareholders. The cash position is healthy, but will require continuous careful scrutiny in view of our present and future commitments.

"On the Liabilities side 'capital reserve fund' has been re-instituted and the former annual sinking fund instalment of \$92,577.00 has been appropriated to this account. The accepted purpose

WORLD TRADE PACT IS TAKING SHAPE

Geneva, Sept. 24. The drafting committee of the United Nations trade conference here agreed tonight on the text of three documents designed to give provisional effect to the main principles of the International Trade Charter.

The main document is the general agreement on tariffs and trade, which is a statement on essential principles of the draft charter to be submitted to the World Trade Conference scheduled to open in Havana on Nov. 21.

The essential part of the agreement embodies multilateral tariff concessions agreed at the present conference.

It is intended that provisional effect shall be given to the general agreement by Dec. 1, upon signature of the protocol fixed for Nov. 18 by seven of the world's principal trading nations—Britain, the United States, France, Canada, Australia, Belgium-Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

The other 12 countries represented at Geneva may sign before June 3 next year.

The coming into effect of the protocol and the world trade agreement as a whole depends on the signing of the draft charter by the leading nations.

The United States, Britain, France, Canada, Australia, Belgium-Luxembourg and the Netherlands are the only nations which have signed the draft charter.

SHANGHAI BOWLERS FOR HONG KONG

Bowlers in Shanghai are all keen to take part in the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association invitation to Shanghai to send a team to the Colony early in November.

The team from the North will consist of six players and a manager.

The team will be put up by local players and it is understood that Mr. B.W. Bradbury, Mr. S. H. Shields and Mr. S. M. Randie have offered accommodation to several members of the Shanghai side.

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TELEPHONE CO. MOVES TO LIFT CALL PRICES

Government sanction has been sought by the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd. for increased telephone charges, and an announcement of Government's decision is expected at an early date.

This was disclosed at the 18th ordinary yearly meeting of the Company held in Exchange Building yesterday, at which the Chairman of Directors, Mr. N. O. C. Marsh, told shareholders that the advances in costs of labour and material are so much out of line with operating revenue as to make present charges for telephone service uneconomic.

Giving a review of the Company's accounts and financial position the Chairman said: "The balance of \$397,242.50 from working account is roughly half of what we would expect it to be under normal operation. Income from 'Interest, Dividends and Exchange' at \$221,151.69 is somewhat higher than normal and reflects the recovery in business generally during the period under review.

"On the debit side, under 'directors' fees,' is included \$5,000 for special remuneration to Mr. D. H. Blake for the valuable services rendered to the Company during his arduous period of Chairmanship. 'Depreciation, in the figure of \$153,545.91 is substantially below pre-war levels, and is due to a reduction in Capital plant values.

"The net profit carried to appropriation account stands at \$673,536.34 and after transferring \$22,577 to capital reserve, and making provision for corporation profits tax of \$60,000.00 it is only possible to recommend payment of a dividend at the rate of 12 per cent p.a. by transferring \$156,000.00 from dividend equalisation reserve.

Decision

"On July 10 1947, your Directors decided to call up the balance outstanding on the partly paid shares amounting to £1,875,000. The first call of £2.50 per share became payable on Aug. 18, and the 2nd and 3rd calls are payable on Oct. 18 and Dec. 18 respectively. This will augment working capital to take care of immediate requirements, but is clear that further adjustment of the Capital structure will shortly be necessary.

"Investment shows considerable appreciation ever since the war, and the cash position must commend itself to shareholders. The cash position is healthy, but will require continuous careful scrutiny in view of our present and future commitments.

"On the Liabilities side 'capital reserve fund' has been re-instituted and the former annual sinking fund instalment of \$92,577.00 has been appropriated to this account. The accepted purpose

of providing this fund is the amortisation of the Capital over the period of the franchise and your Directors feel that the amount of the Annual Appropriation should be adequate to achieve this end. The present annual appropriation is inadequate, but adjustment cannot be made without Government approval which has so far been withheld.

"A matter which has given some anxiety to your Board is the necessity for relating the increased (and still increasing) costs of labour and materials more closely to the revenue earned. The revenue derived from operating your system should bear a proper relationship to the cost of operating and the value of the service rendered. If this is not so expansion is retarded and the quality of service must ultimately deteriorate, because it is not possible to continue to provide indefinitely for high grade service on inadequate rates.

Your Company, since the re-occupation of the Colony, has supplied service at rates which are approximately only 50 per cent higher than those prevailing in 1941. The advances in costs of labour and material are so much out of line with operating revenue as to make present charges for telephone service uneconomic, and application has been made to Government for increased charges.

Visit

"Your Company's Consulting Engineer, Mr. J. W. Wheeler, visited the Colony in March, and made a comprehensive survey of the telephone situation here. He reported verbally to your Directors, who formed the opinion that he endorsed, generally, the policy which your Company is pursuing. His written report is expected shortly.

"Orders have been placed, with the concurrence of the Consultant, for extensions to your Main Automatic Exchange in both Hong Kong and Kowloon. The drafting of specifications and the preliminary engineering necessary before these orders even reach the 'blue-print' stage is extensive.

"Notwithstanding the difficulties in obtaining supplies, your Company has been able to give service to some 2,000 additional subscribers during the period under review. Much work has been done in bringing up to accepted standards plant and equipment which had suffered from lack of maintenance during the war years.

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented, and this was seconded by Mr. S. T. Wiff Hamson.

Unanimous

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Mr. W. G. E. Eggleston proposed the re-election of the retiring Directors, Mr. D. H. Blake and Sir Shouson Chow to the Board. This was seconded by Dr. Mok Tai-tin and carried unanimously.

Messrs. Lowe Bingham & Matthews were reappointed auditors of the Company on the proposal of Mr. Leung Fat-tin, seconded by Mr. D. Black.

Supporting Mr. Marsh in the chair were Sir Shouson Chow, Sir Robert Kretzschmar and Messrs. E. R. Hill, D. O. Davis and F. C. Barry (Directors); Mr. J. P. Sherry (Managing Director); Mr. R. E. Farrell (Acting Manager) and Mr. S. Grove (Secretary).

Shareholders present were: Dr. Mok Tai-tin and Messrs. Lam Kwai, Lam Shu-wing, Leung Fat-tin, Wong Min-hing, W. G. E. Eggleston, D. Black, S. T. Williamson, W. C. Griffith, K. A. Mason (representing Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co. and Canton Insurance Association), E. B. Childs (representing China Underwriters) and R. O. Baker (representing Hong Kong Land Investment Co. Ltd.).

WORLD TRADE PACT IS TAKING SHAPE

Geneva, Sept. 24. The drafting committee of the United Nations trade conference here agreed tonight on the text of three documents designed to give provisional effect to the main principles of the International Trade Charter.

The main document is the general agreement on tariffs and trade, which is a statement on essential principles of the draft charter to be submitted to the World Trade Conference scheduled to open in Havana on Nov. 21.

The essential part of the agreement embodies multilateral tariff concessions agreed at the present conference.

It is intended that provisional effect shall be given to the general agreement by Dec. 1, upon signature of the protocol fixed for Nov. 18 by seven of the world's principal trading nations—Britain, the United States, France, Canada, Australia, Belgium-Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

The other 12 countries represented at Geneva may sign before June 3 next year.

The coming into effect of the protocol and the world trade agreement as a whole depends on the signing of the draft charter by the leading nations.

The United States, Britain, France, Canada, Australia, Belgium-Luxembourg and the Netherlands are the only nations which have signed the draft charter.

SHANGHAI BOWLERS FOR HONG KONG

Bowlers in Shanghai are all keen to take part in the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association invitation to Shanghai to send a team to the Colony early in November.

The team from the North will consist of six players and a manager.

The team will be put up by local players and it is understood that Mr. B.W. Bradbury, Mr. S. H. Shields and Mr. S. M. Randie have offered accommodation to several members of the Shanghai side.

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